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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3137

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PASS EXIM BANK

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, IV

SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: MINING RAILROAD MAN-SAN PEDRO

REF: A. ABIDJAN 3403, B. STATE 095332, C. ABIDJAN 3614

1. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL C MINISTER GUI DIBO  
HAS BEEN IN CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-  
BOIGNY ON THE DECISION BETWEEN LOUIS BERGER/  
TRANSURB AND SOFRERAIL/BCEOM.

2. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT A DECISION WAS NOT  
REACHED AT PRESIDENT'S HOME AND THAT THE PROBLEM  
WILL BE PUT BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND  
THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE COUNTRY FOR RESOLUTION.

3. CONFIRMING OUR SUSPICION THAT A RECENT HIGH  
LEVELFRENCH VISITOR SUGGESTED THAT GOF FINANCING  
WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE RAILROAD, THE PRESIDENT  
HAS REQUESTED THAT BOTH PARTIES DEFINE MORE CLEARLY  
WHAT THEIR FINANCIAL PACKAGES ARE. THIS WILL REQUIRE  
THE PREPARATION OF A SEPARATE FINANCIAL PROPOSAL WITHIN  
A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME FOR THE COST OF THE RAILROAD,  
NOT FOR THE FINANCING OF THE STUDY.

4. BELGIAN OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED TO  
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EXAMINE STATE FINANCING FOR A PORTION OF

PROJECT DIRECTLY AND THROUGH FED. FRENCH  
MONEY MIGHT BE FED, FAC OR COFAS. THESE  
QRE QUESTIONS TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN LOUIS  
BERGER AND TRANSURB.

5. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR ADVISES THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT JOB COULD BE DIVIDED AMONG THE TWO CONSORTIA AND THAT THIS POSSES NO PROBLEM FOR BELGIAN INTERESTS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONTACT DR. LOUIS BERGER TO ADVISE OF ABOVE IF HE NOT ALREADY INFORMED BY ABIDJAN REP. INFORM EXIM BANK OF PENDING LOUIS BERGER REQUEST CONCERNING FINANCING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 350 KM MINING RAILROAD FROM SAN PEDRO TO MAN. SMITH

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